

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 10, 2010

Kenneth Feinberg
Administrator
Gulf Coast Claims Facility
5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A
Dublin, OH 43017

Dear Mr. Feinberg,

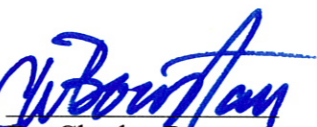
We write to request a meeting to discuss concerns over delays in emergency assistance payments and the status of the final protocol for claims settlements to compensate those affected by the BP oil spill. We support the creation of an escrow account and an independent claims facility to enable Gulf Coast residents to be compensated quickly and completely for losses suffered as a result of this disaster. Additionally, we concur in President Obama's assessment that the escrow account's "mandate [is] to be fairer, faster, and more transparent in paying damage claims by individuals and businesses."¹

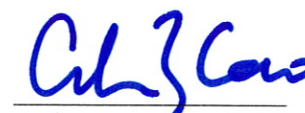
We understand the complexity and immensity of your task as the administrator of this escrow account and the independent claims facility. However, as of today, it has been five months since the spill, and many of our constituents affected by this disaster have not been made whole. As a result, many remain unable to cope with loss of income, decrease in property values, personal injuries, mounting business debts, and interruption of work – to say nothing of personal trauma and stress.

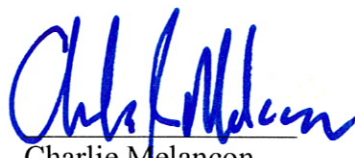
These issues remain unresolved, and we, therefore, respectfully request an urgent meeting with you in person to discuss these matters. Please contact Representative Cao's scheduler, Cheyenne Steel, at 202-225-6636 or cheyenne.steel@mail.house.gov to schedule this meeting.


Sincerely,


Rodney Alexander
U.S. Representative


Dr. Charles Boustany
U.S. Representative


Anh "Joseph" Cao
U.S. Representative


Charlie Melancon
U.S. Representative


Steve Scalise
U.S. Representative

¹ The White House: Claims and Escrow Fact Sheet—<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/fact-sheet-claims-and-escrow>